



## STUDY CONTACT REQUIRED

### NCEPOD study on “Acute limb ischaemia”

NCEPOD is undertaking a study to evaluate the quality of care provided to patients with acute limb ischaemia (ALI), looking at the pathway of care from initial presentation to healthcare through to discharge from hospital following treatment. The study was proposed by the Vascular Society and supported by BSIR amongst other organisations.

We will identify a sample of patients who were admitted to hospital with ALI and collect the clinical notes from their pathway of care: From the vascular specialist centre where they were treated as well as from the pre-transfer hospital and primary care if applicable. The notes will form part of a case review, which will inform recommendations in a resulting national report, due for publication in November 2025.

There is currently no code for ALI to reliably separate it from chronic limb ischaemia (its ICD10 code as is used for chronic limb ischaemia). We need some help from a volunteer in vascular surgery or interventional radiology to identify the patients suitable for this study.

Our scoping work has shown that a set of surrogate codes will identify a sample of patients, in which one third had ALI. We need a study contact in every Vascular Arterial Centre in England, Wales, Northern Island to work with the NCEPOD local reporter to review the listed patients and confirm those with ALI from the discharge summaries. The scoping work indicated that this should take no more than a couple of hours work. The study can not proceed without this manual filter.

We would provide certification of participation in the study and study contacts would be named in the report acknowledgments.

We ask that the local vascular clinical governance/ audit lead nominate someone for this task and let NCEPOD know the name of the nominated individual (via the email below) by August 31<sup>st</sup>2024

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on the webpage: <https://www.ncepod.org.uk/ali.html>

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